

Happy Trail Mix

Uniting Volunteers, Staff, and Management in Trail Stewardship

GOLDEN GATE
NATIONAL
PARKS
CONSERVANCY



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Golden Gate National Parks

- Established in 1972
- 80,400 acres spanning 80 miles
- Over 20 million annual visitors
- 196 miles of trail systems
- 1,250 historic structures (more than any other park)
- More than 1,200 native plant species
- 80 sensitive, rare, threatened, or endangered species
- 19 ecosystems in 7 watersheds
- More than 30 distinct park sites
- One of the largest, most popular national parks in an urban setting in the U.S.



Trail Stewardship Program



Trails Forever

Building a world class trails system and
community of park stewards

- Revitalize Trail Systems
- Reroute Trails near Fragile Habitat
- Improve Accessibility & Safety
- Education & Engagement
- Engage Trail Volunteers



Golden Gate National Parks Trail Crew



Volunteer Statistics for the Golden Gate National Parks 2013

- **36,165** volunteered in the Parks
- They contributed **506, 177** total hours of service
- Hours of service= **~\$11 million**

This includes all volunteer programs organized by the National Park Service, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and Presidio Trust. Trail Stewardship is a piece of this vast network.

So...how do we do it?



Volunteers

- Outreach
- Volunteer Motivation
- Suitable Projects
- Gratitude



Outreach



Volunteer vs Voluntold



Volunteer Motivation



Suitable Projects and Tasks



Gratitude



Thanks! Great Job! We could not have done this without YOU!

Staff

- Staff motivation
- Preparedness
- Playing 'match-maker'
- Safety
- Define Scope of Work
- Let the Staff Shine



Staff Motivation



Preparation for Volunteer Events



Playing 'match-maker'



Safety



Define Scope of Work



Let the Staff Shine



Management

- Volunteer Reporting
- Photo and Video Documentation
- Get Your Boss to Sweat
- Quantify Accomplishments



Volunteer Reporting and Spreadsheets



TRAILS FOREVER

National Trails Day June 2, 2012

The Presidio Bay Area Ridge Trail Mountain Lake Trail

- 42 Volunteers
- 3 Project Hours
- 126 Total Hours
- 65 young Monterey cypress weeded and mulched
- 1500 feet of trail mulched
- 4000 square feet weeds removed

Lands End Coastal Trail & Sutro Ruins

- 42 Volunteers
- 3 Project Hours
- 150 Total Hours
- 495 sq. ft of trail resurfaced and graded
- 500 feet of fencing maintained
- 150 feet of wall-less causeway installed
- 2 drains rehabilitated
- 1500 feet of trail brushed

The Golden Gate National Parks celebrated National Trails Day on June 2 by having 4 sites participate in the nation's largest trail-gate party with over a hundred volunteers! VIPs worked at Muir Beach/Dias Ridge, the Presidio, Lands End, and Mori Point! Projects included weeding, razing fence posts, clearing drains, building wall-less causeways, and extensive regrades of high-use trails!

A total of 125 volunteers helped out on a beautiful Saturday morning across the Parks, amounting to 435 total volunteer hours. Due to the generous support of REI, The National Park Foundation, and the Coca-Cola Foundation, volunteers had the chance to win raffle prizes at all locations, and were given free lunches and t-shirts. Many thanks to everyone who volunteered and helped make National Trails Day 2012 a great success!

Mori Point Lishumsha Trail Bootlegger's Steps

- 24 Volunteers
- 3 Project Hours
- 78 Total Hours
- 4824 square feet of thistle, wild radish, poison hemlock, and field mustard removed

Marin County Dias Ridge

- 17 Volunteers
- 3 Project Hours
- 81 Total Hours
- 23 fence posts removed

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Get Your Boss to Sweat



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